

## **JANUARY 13, 2011**

The Jackson/East Taylor Sewer Authority held its annual reorganizational meeting followed by its regular monthly meeting on January 13, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Authority Office. George E. Burkey called the meeting to order with the flag salute. Members present were George E. Burkey, Robert Templeton, Mary Ann Hicks and Donald Ochenrider. Barry Casella was absent.

### **REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:**

Attorney Alex Svirsko Jr. opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Motion was made by Templeton to nominate George E. Burkey as Chairman and second by Hicks. No other nominations were made. Motion carried unanimously.

Burkey opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Motion was made by Hicks to nominate Robert Templeton as Vice Chairman and second by Ochenrider. No other nominations were made. Motion carried unanimously.

Burkey opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Motion was made by Hicks to nominate Donald Ochenrider Jr. as Secretary and second by Burkey. No other nominations were made. Motion carried unanimously.

Burkey opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Motion was made by Burkey to nominate Mary Ann Hicks as Treasurer and second by Templeton. No other nominations were made. Motion carried unanimously.

Burkey opened the floor for nominations for Solicitor. Motion was made by Hicks to retain Attorney Alex Svirsko Jr. as Solicitor and second by Templeton. No other nominations were made. Motion carried unanimously.

Burkey opened the floor for nominations for Engineer. Motion was made by Templeton to retain Keller Engineers as our Engineering Firm and second by Hicks. No other nominations were made. Motion carried unanimously.

Burkey opened the floor for nominations for Accountant. Motion was made by Hicks to retain Dennis P. Kotzan & Associates as our Accountant and second by Ochenrider. No other nominations were made. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Burkey, second by Templeton, to retain PLGIT, Ameriserv Financial, Slovenian Savings & Loan and Somerset Trust as our Depositories. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Templeton, to make the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. as the meeting dates for 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

This concluded the reorganization portion of the meeting.

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:**

Burkey announced that an Executive Session was held after the last monthly meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Burkey welcomed Don Ochenrider, our new board member, and thanked Wendell Gillen for his service.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None was made.

Burkey read a brief statement explaining why the residents must pressure test their service lateral before opening the floor for Public Comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Walt Strank of East Taylor Township wanted to know what the Authority is doing to clean up our lines, are we testing our lines and stations? Why are there pumper trucks flushing the system; were the lines not properly installed? Do the contractors have to be PA License Certified to do the testing? How long is this pressure test good for, and Strank would prefer that JETSA read the flow meters instead of Johnstown Regional Sewage.

Audrey Vojtowicz of East Taylor Township wanted to know if Johnstown could handle the extra inflow from the new Cherrywood Brazil Lane Project and this I & I problem has been going on longer than before September 2010, this is not just something that happened.

William Reffner of Jackson Township wanted to know how the authority can ask the elderly to prove they have a problem, why can't the authority just look down the viewport to check for I & I. Reffner does not feel that a year is long enough time to fix the problem.

Hiram Ribblett of East Taylor Township sent a letter to the Authority regarding the pressure test and wanted to know why the letter was not read into the minutes. Ribblett feels that there are other methods to check for I & I and stated that a camera was purchased years ago so that this problem could be found. Ribblett feels that the Authority needs to justify this test by proving that at least 50% of the service laterals are leaking. Also the Authority needs to look at the Pump Stations, monitor the inflows and identify a zone and establish a method or plan to eliminate the I & I. Ribblett feels that a suit should be filed against DEP for forcing JETSA to go to Johnstown.

William Ragley of Jackson Township feels that the Authority should take a look at the hardship this is going to incur on the elderly especially if they have terra cotta pipes. Ragley feels that the infiltration is coming from the water stops in the manholes and stated that the Authority should have to prove to the residents that our main lines and manholes are fine before being forced to test their service lateral. A smoke test would show where the leak is located.

Dan Yahnert of East Taylor Township, who is also a foreman with Highland Sewer & Water, stated that Highland Sewer & Water has been trying to eliminate the extra water from their system for the past thirteen years, and now a resale pressure test is mandated when a resident or business is being sold. Yahnert wanted to know if a water test could also be performed, and if

needed does the Authority have a camera that could be used to pinpoint the leak. Yahnert wanted to know if the Authority is isolating areas to find the I & I.

Melanie Rininger of Jackson Township stated that there is nothing on the Jackson Township web page regarding the list of contractors, and she wanted to know if a resident can prove that they are low income would the authority possibly help them with the pressure test.

Steve Stackhouse of Jackson Township stated that his house was built in 2002 and wanted to know if the maintenance crew could just come out with the camera and look at his line. Stackhouse also wanted to know what the surcharge will be from the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority for the extra water into the system.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Ochenrider read a letter from Jackson Township Supervisors dated January 4, 2011 appointing Donald Ochenrider Jr. to a five-year term to replace Wendell Gillen.

Ochenrider read a letter from Keller Engineers dated October 27, 2010 asking to be designated as our Engineering Firm for the year 2011.

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Templeton, to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** (As of December 31, 2010.)

General Fund Balance:	\$56,349.12
Revenue Temporary Fund Balance:	248,099.84
Money Market Account Balance:	223,993.89
Pennvest Old Loan Balance:	9,176,320.60
Pennvest New Loan Balance:	2,519,293.55

Motion was made by Ochenrider, second by Templeton, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Attorney Alex Svirsko sent a letter to the three trailer park owners regarding a meeting for the I & I problems and the pressure testing. Svirsko has revised the Rules and Regulations regarding illegal sump-pumps. Svirsko has paper work from Bond Counsel on the Pennvest supplemental loan which should be closed before the next monthly meeting.

**ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:** Dennis Kotzan was absent.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Dan Carbaugh of Keller Engineers stated that the Cherrywood Brazil Lane Pennvest Loan guarantees were given to Svirsko. There is no meeting scheduled for the Fords Corner Road project; Governor Corbett is concerned about the grant money being awarded. Carbaugh talked to a resident about a line extension on Gillen Lane. Johnstown Redevelopment Authority requested information on mapping and inflows which Carbaugh has provided to them. Carbaugh

had some concerns about the location of the meters on our lines. The bid opening for the new pumps for Station #11 will be on February 3, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at our office. Bill Henry will e-mail the bid specifications to the Authority.

**INSPECTOR'S REPORT:**

Tim Burkey reported that he and Brain Daughenbaugh have checked and calibrated our testing equipment, and will have a sign-in sheet ready for when a resident wants to rent the test balls. Burkey asked if another set of test balls should be purchased at which Templeton thought that was a good idea. Exeter Supply is working with PA Rural Water Association to locate an Authority where they can hold a class to demonstrate I & I problems and solutions and are hoping that they use our area for their training class. T. Burkey talked with the Fire Company about renting the fire hall for a luncheon. In December the Authority was notified that there was a leak on our force main near Simmons Lane which was repaired. Burkey will send a letter to DEP about the incident. The pumps at Station #12 are in poor condition. Used parts have been used to repair the pumps but approximately \$7,200.00 is going to be needed for additional parts that will repair three pumps to full operation. The pump from Station #11 was repaired by W.C. Weil. The repaired pump has been installed and working properly so the rented by-pass pump was returned to Godwin Pumps. Repairs also have been made on the work trucks. The sump pump on Brazil Lane was removed; however, the pipe is still in place and the sump pump could be installed in a matter of minutes. The Authority needs to contact the Greater Johnstown Water Authority Mineral Point Treatment plant to find out how much water is being discharged into our line at Station #5.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Hicks, to adopt Resolution 2011-01 authorizing the borrowing of an additional sum from Pennvest in connection with a sewer system project undertaken by the Authority; authorizing the execution and delivery of a modification of loan agreement and other documents between this authority and Pennvest. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Templeton, to authorize the signatures and titles on the Certificate of Incumbency of Officers. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Ochenrider, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Certificate of No Adverse Change in Financial Condition. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Ochenrider, to authorize the Chairman to sign the affidavit that the Authority will comply with the Steel Products Procurement Act. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Ochenrider, second by Templeton, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Modification of Loan Agreement and Other Documents between JETSA and Pennvest to increase the loan to \$3,013,847.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Ochenrider, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Second Account Security Agreement between JETSA and Pennvest. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Ochenrider, to approve payment of the current bills in the amount of \$21,067.47. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Hicks, second by Ochenrider, to approve the time sheets for period ending 12/10/10, 12/24/10 and 01/07/11. Motion carried three to one with G. Burkey abstaining.

Motion was made by Templeton, second by Ochenrider, to add Rhoads and Sinon's legal bill for the Pennvest Bond Counsel in the amount of \$5,084.00 to the current bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. by Templeton. Second by Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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